

Pappas telecasting companies "donation" of \$325,000 of air time to Republican candidates is just another example of a powerful media group abusing it's privileged access to public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections one side a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate, not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airways free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thanks!

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